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VIRUS IN AUTOIMMUNE DISORDERS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified new application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments:

In the Claims

Claim 14, (second occurrence), line 1, please change "14" to --16--; change "9" to

--11--;

Claim 15, (second occurrence), line 1, please change "15" to --17--; change "9" to

--11--;

Claim 16, line 1, please change "16" to --18--; change "9" to --11--;

Claim 17, line 1, please change "17" to --19--;

Claim 18, line 1, please change "18" to --20--; change "17" to --19--;